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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

I agree with all above. Driving a vehicle that is over 7 years old, I feel much safer having a cell phone available. As a general rule, I use it for less than 20 minutes/month. An extra dollar per month would raise my costs about five cents per minute. This is worse than a postal rate increase!

I sincerely hope you reconsider this idea for cell phones. I think it is poorly thought out. Many of us out here in "emergency/urgent use-land" pay for service by the minute, not by the month. We would be heavily impacted by this in proportion to usage.

Please keep your mothers, wives and daughters in mind as you comtemplate this plan, especially if your wife is older or either one is pregnant. It could make the difference between having help available when needed or not. Also, many men have conditions that make cell phones not a convenience but a necessity.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members